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ITALIAN TURKISH WAR

It is only right and just that | the other hand, Turkey's hands | the people should know the cannot be said to be clean. How truth, yes, the whole truth, about recently has it been that Turkey the war now in progress between herself was before the bar of Italy and Turkey for supremacy public justice accused and conof the Tripoli territory. Unfort victed of being responsible for unately many papers have the unspeakable Armenian atropublished garbled, unathentic, cities. There was a case in which sensational stories, proclaiming in large headlines, horrible stories of unspeakable cruelty and perfidy on the part of the Italian army toward the non combatants old men, women and helpless children. Let us look to the reason for these stories and what, if any truth there is in

Stories of Cruelty Denied.

It is noticeable that most of these stories and reports, have emanated not from the real seat of the war, but rather from Constantinople and Malta, the center of the Turk territory, and in many instances they have been given to the press without even Italian army violating flags of the same religion and blood. He atants, failure to respect the betray it. It the war of the last prostituting the high and holy functions of the Red Cross.

It is worth while to remember

that Turkey is practically a bankrupt nation; that her national credit is depleted, and that naturally, her creditors are anxious to collect what is due them. Her army has been equippend and provisioned largely by the same large money lending interest to whom she is already indebted in the hope that they may save something out of the wreck. This being a known fact, may help to explain the reason for such stories, for if by such reports. Italy is made out the aggressor, and sentiment turned and the Red Cross knows no against her, then the war may end to the complete satisfaction of Turkey's creditors, the large money lenders who care more for the interest on their vast loans than they do for the truth. or the fine humanitarian principles they claim Italy has violated. However, if there is any truth in these reports, Italy should be called to account. Be if remembered that she is a circulation there is better evidence vilized and christian power, a party to almost every European Turks themselves to prove the pact or treaty that recognizes the rules of civilized warfare. and above all been a party to the Hague Peace Conferences. This being true, then, if she vio lates any of those rules or agreements there is ample reas on to believe that the other European nations actuated - by humanitarian motives would tional integrity stands in the demand that the war stop. It is significa: t that so far no great the United States recall how a power has intervened and raised century ago it required the Ameher voice in protest, and also that so far none of the photo and Decatur to stop their pracgraps alleged to have taken tices of piracy and slave trading showing the existence of the and make them respect the laws conditions they describe have of commerce and civilization, been published. Further, so far and strange to say it happens Turkey has made no appeal to that the seat of that conflict any of the powers for either in- coincides almost identically with tervention or investigation. On the present seat of war.

unoffending christain people, in a time of peace, were slain by the thousands, and plundered of their possessions. The Turk was well charactered by the great Gladstone as "unspeakable", and no other word so well describes him. He is an alien with an alien religion, a fanatic in advancing its tenets, and believes that in dying for it, he is taken straight to Mohamet's bosom. History tells that it required allchristain Europe under the great Charlemagne to break the power of Mahometism at the battle of Tours, otherwise Europe today would be Turk and Mohametan rather than Ayran and Christian It has been said the Arab is a an attempt to verify the truth of non-combatant. Let us see. He is We have read about the a blood cousin of the Turk, has truce, massacreing non comb- joined the Italian army only to rules of civilized warfare, and few weeks Italian dispacthes from the front tell of 361 Italian soldiers who were treacherously shot in the back and killed by the so called Arab allies. It is true that these Arabs were executed but not until they had a fair and legal trial. But they were executed by the

highest crime known to nations, Treason. Treason to the power to whom they had sworn allegiance, a crime recognized and punished by all civilized nations.

Further, all christian agencies are at work to render the war as humanitarian as possible. The Red Cross, that ministering angel of the battle fiend is there, friends or foe in warfare, it ministers to both aliche, nurses the sick and buries the dead, and if such conditions exist as have been portrayed, the Red Cross. international, sulery would know of it and protest agaist it who of the Red Cross has said a work to corroborate the idle, yellow journal stories? Not one.

before us than the word of the existence of such atrocities we do not think the civilized world will be disposed to pay much attention to such stories. The Tuks have never yet established for themselves such a reputation for truth, as would entitle them great respect in the .councils of nations. Of all nations, their na light of history the lowest. We of rican navy under Branbridge

The Cause of this War

The same duplicity of the Turk shows itself in the story of the origin of this war. They would have you believe that it is simply a case of the weak fighting for life against the strong.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that the Turk is unprogressive and has done nothing to advance or develop his country. Italy, on the other hand, has developed the Tripolitan territory and opened up its riches to the world. No nation has the righ to stop the wheels of progress. The resources of the hearth were given to mankind for use. Italy was forced to her present position in order to protect her property and the lives of her subjects, impelled to the conflict for the same reason that the United States intervened in Cuba, and her present gnata alla Croce Rossa Italiana action is sanctioned by the recoguized principles of international law. Turkey in her centuries of posession of Tripoli has never zionali sparsi in tutto l'Universo showed strength enough to really govern this country. Brigandage, lawlessness and disorder have thrived under her so called rule. Is it not time that some nation strong enough to establish order and protect property and life, should assert itself and do the work the Turk has failed to do ? Does not the experience of Engladand in Egypt justify such a

The Turk has no excuse for national existence, truly he is "the sick man of Europe", who have lived this long only by the sufference of others, and is it not now time to let him die?

From the time he unfurled his banners over the minarets of Constantinople in 1453 until the present day he has done nothing to better the world, and his every act has been one of cruelty, rapine, and fanaticsm that in truth makes his name "Unspeakable".

Let the truth be known and Italy judged fairly.

And you Francis M'Cullagh spe cial Corrispondent of the New York World can't fool the people every time, it would be best for you to take a Pick and Shovel, and go to work in some coal mine and earn your living, and use no more the pen, or pencil, be cause all the poeple of civilized Nations know very well, that if the Turk would have the chance they have the Barbarous courage to kill the baby of only a day old

R. D. Benedetto.

L'articolo che riportiamo serit to in Inglese è allo scopo di con vincere ed allontanare dalla mente di questo popolo Americano che tutto quanto è stato scritto in questi giorni, dei voluti mas sacri inflitti agli Arabi per parte delle nostre truppe a Tripoli. stato un ammasso di bugie allo scopo di denigrare l'Italia e suo esercito.

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" Con odierno decreto Reale Tripolitania e Circuaica sono state sottoposte definitivamente ed irrevocabilmente alla soyranità piena ed intera del Regno d'Italia".

"Tripoli 5 ieri, paia di centinaia di arabi ed alcuni reparti turchi fecero piccolo attacco contro nostro fronte orientale tra Sciararat e Moshi respinti con gravi perdite da due compagnie 63.mo fanteria che ebbe un morto. Credesi queste piccole avvisaglie int**eso** mascherare forze turche-ara be tra le quali infierisce colera. Informazioni sicure recano che soltanto 7 ufficiali sono passati da Egitto in Cirenaica tutti igno rano paese e lingua. Frontiera Egiziana era rigorosamente sorvegliata. Nave Liguria bombardò avantieri Suara distruggendo completamente difesa senza incontrare resistenza, perlustró costa fine e confine. Forze italiane intorno Tripoli pressoché raddoppiate dal 26 Ottobre, solidamente trincerate danno sicurezza effettiva nostra occupazione Non pare probabile nuovo forte

attacco turco-arabo.

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